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Town of Rockport  
Chairperson Planning Board

My name is Samuel Smith and I am the owner of Smith & May Inc. in West Rockport. I am writing in support of the Hotel building under construction at 20 Central St. in Rockport meeting and surpassing the Land Use Ordinance requirement of being architecturally harmonious with other buildings in the Village District.

Over the past 40 years Smith & May has undertaken many complex historic masonry restorations as well as new masonry construction in and around Rockport. In 2012 Smith & May Inc. completed an extensive historic restoration to the Union Hall located in the block just south of 20 Central St. The masonry restoration conformed to the specifications set forth by the Maine Parks and Recreation guidelines using traditional water struck brick and granite elements sourced in Maine.

These same materials are now being used for the masonry construction for the hotel at 20 Central St. Rockport. Using these historic materials in concert with the authentic slate mansard roof and gable dormers is a significant design and financial commitment by the Smith family to ensure the new building reflects an architectural harmony with the buildings in the downtown Village.

The building's masonry façade details of arches, columns, granite keystones, detailed brick corbeling, granite sills, lintels and balconies are all design features in keeping with the building's use, purpose and function. Balconies are an integral part of the building's function and are consistent with other buildings throughout the surrounding neighborhood. Buildings along Central Street including the new hotel and the new Rockport Library achieve a high level of architectural harmony through their design details, materials and colors. Following National Historic construction guidelines ensure the buildings complement each other and work together while still retaining their own individual character and function through their architectural design.

This building is a compliment to good architectural design and will be a valuable asset to the Village for many years to come.

Respectfully yours,  
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